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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 4 and 5 were previously cancelled. Claims 9-18 have been allowed. New claims 19-23, which depend from allowed claim 18, have been added. Claims 9-23 are pending in the application.

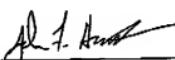
The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 6-8 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 5,748,342 to Usami. The cancellation of claims 1-3 and 6-8 without prejudice, renders moot the Examiner's grounds of rejection.

Claims 9-18 have been allowed. New claims 19-23, which depend from and contain all the limitations of allowed claim 18, have been added. The applicant respectfully submits that new claims 19-23 are allowable for at least the same reason that claim 18 is allowable.

All of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is kindly requested. No fees are believed due, however, please apply any applicable charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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